CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ADMISSION TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY!

We are so happy to have you join our Aggie Family! Share a pic of yourself with your Congrats Banner and #Aggiebound.

More info for newly admitted students is available at admissions.tamu.edu/igotin
Important Information Regarding Your Freshman Admission

Register for a New Student Conference by May 1st.

Accept your offer of admission to Texas A&M University by registering for a mandatory New Student Conference (NSC).

Using your NetID, sign in to howdy.tamu.edu, select the Applicant Tab and enter the Applicant Information System (AIS). Once in AIS, follow the instructions for registering for a conference. The conference fee is $100 and is nonrefundable. NSC Fees can be deferred if you used an application fee waiver for the Texas A&M application for admission. NSC fee deferral means the fee will be added to your tuition bill. You may choose this option online during NSC registration allowing you to register without making a payment.

Spring Admits - Your two-day conference will be held in early January.
Summer and Fall Admits - New Student Conference dates have been set for late May-August.

If you DO NOT register for an NSC in AIS by the deadline we will assume you have declined your offer and cancel your admission. Please note, accepting your financial aid package or registering for on-campus housing does NOT mean that you have accepted your offer of admission. Those processes are independent from NSC Registration.

Fee Questions: 979.458.5155
Registration Questions: 979.845.1060

New Student Conference Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT HAPPENS AT NSC?

At your NSC you will learn how to take full advantage of all the academic programs, student services and extracurricular activities Texas A&M University has to offer. Your orientation process begins with your NSC, and it’s a critical component of your future success at Texas A&M. Over the course of your NSC you will participate in sessions and programs that have been designed to assist you with the transition to Texas A&M.

CAN I BRING GUESTS TO MY NSC?

Yes, each adult, 18 and up, who wishes to attend must register online and pay the $25 conference charge. Registration for family members is a separate process from student registration. For more information and to register, please visit newaggie.tamu.edu/family-and-guests or contact New Student and Family Programs at NSFP@tamu.edu.

Family Member Registration Questions: 979.845.5826

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY NSC REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE?

After you complete registration for your conference, an NSC Confirmation Page will appear on the screen, and an electronic notification will be sent to the email address you have provided during the process. If this does not happen, your conference registration did not go through and you will need to try again. There are times that the system will not complete registration because the payment was not successful or the registration process timed out.

Make sure you see an NSC Confirmation Page in AIS and you receive electronic confirmation before you assume your registration was successful.

HOW DO I RESCHEDULE MY NSC?

You are allowed to change your NSC date at any time. There is a reschedule button in AIS on the My App Status Tab. Only conferences with available seats will be displayed. For conferences that are full, only medical or military appeals will be granted. Please note August conferences often conflict with student activities such as Fish Camp, Sorority Recruitment, and Freshman Orientation Week for the Corps of Cadets and appeals will not be granted.
Apply for On-Campus Housing.

Living on campus is more than just a place to lay your head at night. In addition to the convenience of walking to class, studies show that students living on campus are more likely to maintain a higher GPA, be involved and graduate on time.

Texas A&M has established priority housing so that all freshmen have the opportunity to live on campus. Admitted freshmen who apply for housing within 30 days of being admitted to the university will receive priority, while space is available. Those who apply for housing more than 30 days after being admitted will be considered for on-campus housing AFTER all other priority students have been placed. The sooner you apply, the better your opportunity to get your top choice. Housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis determined by each student’s housing application date.

Students can apply for housing at reslife.tamu.edu.

Housing Questions: 979.845.4744

Submit Your Bacterial Meningitis Immunization Record.

Two weeks prior to your NSC, upload your evidence of bacterial meningitis vaccination. The immunization record may not be more than five years old. Notarized Affidavits to Decline Vaccination must be mailed to: Office of Admissions, Texas A&M University, P.O. Box 30014, College Station, TX 77842-3014.

All students under age 22 will need to provide current proof of vaccination against bacterial meningitis (an immunization given within 5 years of the date of intended enrollment) or meet certain requirements for declining such a vaccination.

Declining the vaccination requires completing an original Texas Department of State Health Services Vaccine Exemption Affidavit form that can only be provided by the TDSHS office and takes a significant amount of time to obtain.

Newly admitted students who have not provided documentation will have a hold placed on their account. The hold will be removed once the appropriate immunization documentation has been provided to Texas A&M. This hold will prevent you from checking in to your NSC and registering for classes. It is imperative you fulfill this requirement prior to arriving at your NSC. For more information about this requirement, please visit admissions.tamu.edu/meningitis.

Select a Tuition Rate Code

Students will be offered a choice between a variable rate tuition plan or a locked-rate (fixed) tuition plan allowing them and their parents to better plan and budget for college expenses. You will need to select the best option for you prior to registration. See below for rate differences to begin your planning.

Variable rate plan: Tuition and fees may fluctuate each academic year (Fall through Summer), using the Higher Education Price Index.

Locked-rate (fixed) plan: Tuition and fees are locked into a per semester rate for 12 consecutive semesters, or 4 years, from the point of initial enrollment after high school at a public or private institution. Those paying non-resident tuition will be billed the state mandated non-resident rate, but other required fees will remain locked. (Does not apply to Nursing and Dental Hygiene)

It is presumed that students will enroll in 30 hours an academic year for 4 years allowing completion of most degree plans. Some majors such as engineering and architecture are offered 1-2 additional semesters at the locked rate.

Select your rate code via the Howdy Portal, howdy.tamu.edu, select the My Finances Tab and follow the instructions. The choice will be offered prior to your first semester of enrollment and cannot be changed in future semesters.

Texas A&M University meets requirements of the Texas Education Code, Section 54.017 regarding fixed tuition for undergraduate students.
Take the Math Placement Exam.

The Math Placement Exam (MPE) is a multiple-choice, online examination that helps your academic advisor determine which mathematics course you should take to ensure academic success in your major. This exam does not result in college credit. All students are required to take the MPE.

To take the MPE, sign on to howdy.tamu.edu and go to the Applicant Tab and follow the instructions. Online review material is available to help you prepare for the exam. Be prepared to spend the full 90 minutes taking the exam. If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the Department of Mathematics at mathassessment@math.tamu.edu.

Math Placement Exam Questions: 979.845.7554 (Mathematics Department)

Determine if You Need to Take a Foreign Language Placement Test.

Students who intend to enroll in a college foreign language course and have no college credit in the language MUST take a placement test on the pre-conference day of their NSC to determine the appropriate course for their level of ability. Heritage language learners must also take the placement test, regardless of their scores on high school tests.

The foreign language placement test also serves as a basis for credit by examination. Second language learners who take the Advanced Placement (AP) Test, the College Board Achievement Test, the International Baccalaureate Test (IB) or the SAT II Subject Test in their foreign language of choice do not have to take the required foreign language placement tests, although it is highly recommended.

Spanish Language Placement Tests are administered by Hispanic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. There is a $30 fee that is due at the time of registration. To register for this test, visit marketplace.tamu.edu. Select Hispanic Studies and then the appropriate language.

Spanish Placement Exam Questions: 979.458.0672

Complete the Texas Success Initiative Pre-Assessment Activity and the TSI Assessment Test.

Your TSI status will be noted on AIS. If you are not exempt, you must complete the mandatory Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) and then take the TSI Assessment Test before attending an NSC. Non-exempt students will be blocked from registering for all classes during the NSC until the TSI PAA has been completed, the TSI Assessment Test has been taken and scores are on file at Texas A&M. If you have taken the TSI Assessment Test anywhere other than Texas A&M, please do not assume that your test scores have been sent here. You must order a transcript with your test scores and have it mailed to the Office of Admissions.

Texas Success Initiative Questions: 979.458.4900 or tx.ag/darsTSI

Send a Final High School Transcript with graduation date when Available.

We know your final official high school transcript may not be available by the time you attend your NSC. If it is not, plan to send it as soon as it is available. If we do not receive your final official transcript, you will not be able to register for classes in following semesters. Uploaded, faxed and emailed transcripts are NOT considered official final transcripts. Please ask your high school to submit your final transcript via TREx—the electronic transcript service offered by the State of Texas. Mail transcripts to: Office of Admissions, Texas A&M University, P.O. Box 30014, College Station, TX 77842-3014.
Additional Requirements for International Students

Fulfill English Proficiency Requirements.
Texas A&M requires all admitted students from non-English speaking countries to demonstrate their ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Please be aware English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements for enrollment are different from admissions requirements.

To demonstrate your ability, you must fulfill one of the following:
• Submit an official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 100 iBT, 600 pBT or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 7.0 overall band.
• Submit an official score of at least 21 on the ACT English or 500 on the SAT Critical Reading section (test date prior to March 2016) or 560 on the SAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing (test date after March 2016)
• Attend all 4 high school years at a school in the U.S.

If you do not meet one of the listed conditions, you must take the English Language Proficiency Examination (ELPE) upon arrival. The ELPE evaluates English grammar, writing, vocabulary, reading, listening and speaking skills. A score of at least 70 is required on each ELPE area to meet English Proficiency requirements. You will be required to enroll in ELI courses in each skill area for which you score below 70. Please visit the Testing Services website at dars.tamu.edu.

English Proficiency Questions: 979.845.0532 (Testing Services)

Obtain Appropriate Immigration Documents.
The Certificate of Eligibility Center (CEC) in the Office of International Student Services (ISS) will issue the appropriate documentation needed to apply for a visa after you complete and submit several forms to their office. Important information about your arrival, including these forms, CEC contact information and an online immigration document tracking process, can be accessed at tx.ag/ISSadmitted.

Document Issuance Questions: 979.845.1151, 979.862.4633 (fax) or iss.cec@tamu.edu

Complete the Mandatory Online Orientation.
You are required to complete the mandatory online orientation before arriving at Texas A&M University. The online orientation can be accessed at tx.ag/ISSorientation. Upon arrival, you must attend the mandatory ISS Check-In. You will not be able to schedule your Check-In appointment until you complete the online orientation. During Check-In, you may have the opportunity to meet with several offices to remove your registration holds. You may need to meet with the Office of Admissions during or after your ISS Check-In if the following services are needed:
• resolve transfer credit or other admission issues, or
• fix a discrepancy in the spelling of your name.

You are highly encouraged to attend the one-day, on-campus International Student Conference (ISC) specifically developed for international students. Note: The ISC is different from the mandatory New Student Conference (NSC) that freshmen students are required to attend. For information concerning online orientation, the dates of Check-In and/or the ISC, please visit iss.tamu.edu.

HEALTH INSURANCE
International students are automatically enrolled in and charged for comprehensive health insurance and repatriation/evacuation coverage while in the U.S. and enrolled at Texas A&M University. For more information on International Student Health Insurance, visit tx.ag/ISSinsurance.

Sponsored Student Programs
979.845.2550 Arrival Information
979.862.7170 Fax
tx.ag/sponsored
PRE-ENROLLMENT CHECKLISTS
The checklists on this page will help you prepare for your first year. This checklist is also available in AIS with links to help you complete tasks required for enrollment.

- Register for a New Student Conference (NSC) in AIS before completing anything else. applicant.tamu.edu
- Complete NSC Family and Guest Registration
- Apply for Fall/Spring on-campus housing, reslife.tamu.edu
- Apply for scholarships by December 1 (Admissions file must be complete by December 1, 2016 for scholarship consideration)
- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA) application available October 1. financialaid.tamu.edu/undergraduate/apply-for-aid
- Log in to your Texas A&M email account with your NetID and password at google.tamu.edu
- Select a Tuition Rate Code in Howdy at howdy.tamu.edu, My Finances Tab
- Submit your photo for your Aggie ID Card at myaggiecard.tamu.edu/AggieCard/Photo
- Upload your proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination in AIS
- Verify residency in AIS
- Fulfill the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement at tx.ag/darsTSI (if applicable)
- Complete the Texas A&M Math Placement Exam at howdy.tamu.edu, Applicant Tab
- Complete the Lab Safety Acknowledgment at howdy.tamu.edu
- Complete Foreign Language Placement Tests (if applicable)
- Request that your high school send your final official high school transcript via TREx or mail when it is available. (and diploma if issued by a foreign institution)
- Request that the College Board and/or International Baccalaureate send your AP/IB scores to qualify for and claim college credit (if applicable)
- Request that all official college transcript(s) be sent (if applicable)

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
- Learn about international student visa information
- Complete the International Student Services (ISS) Online Orientation
- Schedule your ISS Check-In Appointment
- Submit the required paperwork to ISS
- Review the university policy requiring all international students to maintain health insurance. tx.ag/ISShealthinsurance
- Apply for financial aid (ISFAA) no later than March 15. financialaid.tamu.edu/international/apply-for-aid
- Review English Language Proficiency (ELP) information admissions.tamu.edu/international/english
APPLICANT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE HOWDY WEB PORTAL
The Applicant Information System (AIS) has been created to take you through the admissions process, from application to admission decision and accepting your offer. Howdy is a “one-stop shop” for your student information and university resources. Howdy provides helpful information, such as guidance in applying for financial aid, locating housing, class registration information, payment deadlines and more. Check Howdy regularly for important announcements, news and event information at howdy.tamu.edu
Howdy Portal Questions/Problems: 979.845.8300

ACTIVATE YOUR TEXAS A&M EMAIL ACCOUNT
Once you have registered for your NSC, a Texas A&M email account is available for you. Your email address will be your NETID@tamu.edu. This email address will be used for all official school correspondence. It is important to activate this account and check it regularly. Activate your account at google.tamu.edu.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
Texas A&M University offers many financial aid options to help you pay for college costs. Scholarships & Financial Aid can assist you with applying for assistance, understanding costs, and learning about types of aid. financialaid.tamu.edu

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, you must first submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is available October 1. The FAFSA is used to award grants, loans and work-study programs. There is no cost to submit the FAFSA, and it must be renewed every year. Although there is no deadline for submitting the FAFSA, we recommend Spring 2017 admits should complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA by September 20, 2016, and Summer 2017 admits by January 15, 2017. Fall admits should complete the 2017–2018 FAFSA by December 15, 2017. The FAFSA school code for Texas A&M University is 003632. Once we have received your information, you will be able to check your status and your financial aid options at howdy.tamu.edu. Click on the ‘My Finances’ Tab, and enter the Scholarships & Financial Aid Portal.

International students may qualify for financial aid depending on their visa status. These awards are designed to supplement your other financial resources, permitting our limited funds to assist the largest number of students. More information can be found at financialaid.tamu.edu/international.

Veterans, or dependents of veterans, who plan to utilize military benefits should contact Veteran Services. For information, visit veterans.tamu.edu.

Financial Aid Questions: 979.845.3236

GENERAL INFORMATION

INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships & Financial Aid offers academic scholarships for incoming freshmen. Students apply for university-level scholarships by submitting the scholarship module along with the Admissions Application.

In the scholarship competition, a student’s test score is only one of many components considered in the review process. Consideration is given to academic achievement in a college preparatory curriculum within the context of a student’s academic environment. Additional factors for selection include, but are not limited to, leadership, community service, special talents, first-generation (neither biological nor stepparent has a bachelor’s degree) college status and academic achievement under difficult circumstances. Some scholarships also have a financial need component. For information, visit scholarships.tamu.edu.

Texas A&M University has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, admission to Texas A&M University and any of its sponsored programs is open to all qualified individuals. Texas A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of an individual’s disability and complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in its admissions, accessibility, treatment and employment of students in its programs and activities.

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